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BOURNE ATTACKS PRESIDENT TAFT IN SPEECH IN SENATE

SAYS EXECUTIVE USES POWER TO INTIMIDATE

No Reply Made to Sensational Charges of Oregon Man. Name of Chief Not Mentioned.

Famous Beverley Letter Brought Into Limelight by Head of New Progressive Republican League—Speaker Discusses Oregon Plan and Declares That When It Becomes Effective in All States, the Power of the Federal Machine Will Be Broken and the Steam Roller Relegated to the Political Scrap Heap—Compares President to "Ward Heeler."

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Taft, by inference, was charged last night with using his appointive power to intimidate members of congress. The inferred charge was made in a speech in the senate by Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon, president of the New Progressive Republican League, and until recent trouble over an Oregon appointment, the intimate friend and golfing companion of the chief executive.

The surprising thing was that although all of the senators construed his remarks as an attack on the president, not a word was uttered in reply.

The Beverley letter, in which Secretary Norton said the president had withheld federal patronage from certain senators and congressmen, but would discontinue that practice, was brought into the limelight. On previous occasions, insurgent senators threatened to read this letter, but until last night no public reference had been made to it.

Discusses Oregon Law.

Mr. Bourne opened his speech by a discussion of the Oregon law. He said when that law is enacted by all the states it will destroy the power of the federal machine to renominate a president or demand his successor. "The steam roller," he said, "will be relegated to the political scrap heap and its operators to the shadow of things forgotten, while fourth-class postmasters will cease to be a political asset for anybody or any party."

Senator Bourne said the use of the presidential appointive powers to coerce members of congress, would be either bribery or intimidation-bribery if patronage was used as a reward, and intimidation if withheld as a punishment. In this connection he read section 5450 of the revised statutes, making it a crime for any person to offer or give anything of value to any member of either house of congress with intent to influence his vote or decision in any matter pending in either house.

Used Federal Patronage.

"The natural inference from the Norton letter is that the president of the United States used federal patronage to influence the action of members of congress. This is a charge which no citizen can discuss without regret, yet the whole subject is of such vital importance in the preservation of representative government that I would feel remiss in my duty if I failed to call it to the attention of the country, and place before the country such information relating thereto as may come to my attention. The undenied statement makes a deplorable and despicable subservience on the part of the legislative branch and a dangerous and demoralizing usurpation upon the part of the executive.

"I would have as much respect for a common ward heeler who buys votes at the polls, as for a president of the United States who uses his appointive power as a means of forcing or persuading members of con-

MIXED BLOOD INDIANS LIVE LONGER THAN FULL BLOODS

That the mixed-blood Indian lives longer than the full blood, is indicated by records on file in the office of Major Swartzlander, agent on the Umatilla reservation near this city. These records show that of the 954 persons who were given allotments on the reservation in 1891 and 1892, but 524 are living, 430 having died during the intervening 20 years. The Cayuses and Umatillas are regarded as the fullbloods while the Walla Wallas are regarded as mixed for the reason that there are very few fullblood members of the last named tribe living. The records referred to above show that while about 60 per cent of the Cayuse and Umatilla allottees are

WEDDING PARTY OF 120 IS DEVoured BY WOLVES WHILE TRAVELING IN RUSSIA BY SLEDGES

Vienna, Austria, Feb. 28.—The Zist today prints a Tashkend despatch declaring that all but two members of a wedding party of 120 were devoured by wolves while traveling by sledge from Ostipoff, Asiatic Russia to Tashkend. They had proceeded only a short way when hundreds of wolves attacked them. One by one the members of the party were dumped out to fill the hungry maws until at last only the bride, bridegroom and two drivers were left. The drivers threw the newly married couple overboard and continued their flight. They declared the men threw the women and children out first.

STATE WILL BUY STILL MORE LAND

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS WILL BE STARTED SOON

Hendricks and Myers Refuse to Sell at Reasonable Prices and Their Farms May Be Condemned.

For the purpose of completing the branch asylum site and farm, the state has already purchased two additional tracts of land adjoining the Oliver place and is preparing to start condemnation proceedings against two other owners in the event suitable terms cannot be made with those men. As announced yesterday by State Treasurer Kay deals were closed for the purchase of the George Roberts place and for the Patton tract. The Roberts tract comprises 54 acres and is mostly hill land. However there is some bottom land on the place and the deal also conveys to the state a water right of much value. The price of \$150 per acre was paid Mr. Roberts.

For the William Patton place of five acres the sum of \$2500 was paid. The Patton place is all tillable bottom land and has been farmed by the previous owner. The state wishes to buy the Hendricks tract of ten acres and also the Myers place. Upon the Hendricks tract the state had an option under which it could buy the land for \$4000. However he option expired and Mr. Hendricks now asks \$4500 for the land and says that unless that sum is paid within ten days he will advance the price to \$5000. Thus far the state has been unwilling to pay \$4500 for the tract and it is probable that condemnation proceedings will be undertaken. The same course may be taken with reference to the Myers tract.

To Use Prisoners.

It is the intention of Governor West to use some of the prisoners of the penitentiary in doing a portion of the work on the branch asylum. As he has exclusive charge of the penitentiary he may send the prisoners wherever he desires and he has a scheme for using some of the meritorious men in doing a portion of the work here. He intimated yesterday that the Roberts house may be used as quarters for these men. The men will be without guards and will work under the honor system.

Stevens Here Tonight.

John Stevens, the railroad engineer, who is to make an inspection of the river and report the needs with regards to levee work will reach here tomorrow morning. Word to this effect was received today from Mr. Stevens by T. F. O'Brien, agent for the O.-W. company. Stevens is with the Corvallis & Eastern. Governor West, Treasurer Kay and Superintendent Steiner all returned to Salem by way of Walla Walla last night.

HEAD OF STEEL TRUST SAYS ROADS NOT HURT

New York, Feb. 28.—That the recent anti-freight increase decision of the interstate commerce commission won't injure the railroads is the opinion of Judge Carey, head of the steel trust. He said today that business is improving continually and that the business of the railroads will necessarily increase also.

MEXICAN REBELS GATHER ON BORDER

Tombstone, Arizona, Feb. 28.—A southbound train from Douglas to Neozari was seized by 300 rebels south of Fronteras today and run into Fronteras where it is now being held. It is reported that a large rebel army is mobilizing on the border and the train seizure marks the beginning of operations.

INDUSTRIALIST IS MOBbed AT FRESNO

Fresno, Calif., Feb. 28.—Dragged through the gutter for three blocks and subjected to the violence of three hundred rioters, a member of the Industrial Workers of the World who attempted to speak on the streets here yesterday, is in a hospital severely injured. The rioting followed the refusal of the sheriff to receive any more industrialists in the county jail. Within twenty minutes after they had been put to work on the roads today the industrialists quit and were locked in jail again. The men announced their willingness to break rock for the county but would not work for the city under any circumstances. Tom Boylen, secretary of the Oregon board of sheep commissioners, was a westbound passenger on the Portland local this morning.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR AT THE DALLES

BODIES BLOWN INTO THE COLUMBIA RIVER

Five Thousand Pounds of Dynamite Exploded Prematurely on Board a Scow—Cause Unknown.

The Dalles, Ore., Feb. 28.—Four men are missing and are undoubtedly dead, while six more are in a local hospital today as a result of the explosion yesterday of five thousand pounds of dynamite aboard a scow anchored in the Columbia river at the camp of Robert Wakefield, a contractor who is blasting rocks from the channel above The Dalles. The men were preparing a blast when it let go. It is not known what was the cause.

The dead are: R. L. Sengraves of The Dalles, leaving a widow and two babies; John Salle and G. A. Helne, drillers. Gates, a steam drill operator. They were blown into the river from the rocks.

RAILROAD HEADS TO DISCUSS BIG PROBLEMS

Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 28.—in a special train Judge Lovett, president of the Hagerman system, accompanied by the highest railroad men of the west, also E. O. McCormick, James Stillman, E. E. Calvin and Julius Kruttschnitt, arrived here today to confer with E. P. Ripley, vice president of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe at Ripley's home. The belief is general that questions momentous to the coast country will be discussed and the policies of the two systems for the year settled. It is also believed the \$75,000,000 bond issue for the northwest will be settled, plans for traffic to the 1915 exposition settled and the attitude toward the recent decision of the interstate commission decided on.

PORTLAND HAS \$100,000 FIRE THIS AFTERNOON

Portland, Ore., Feb. 28.—Fire from the sparks of a factory near by today destroyed the Oregon-Washington Lumber company's mill at Fulton, a suburb. All available apparatus was rushed to the scene of the fire, which is under control this afternoon. The loss is a hundred thousand, partially insured.

STILL UNLAWFUL TO GIVE TIPS IN WASHINGTON

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 28.—The legislature today failed to repeal the tipping law, and so it is still unlawful to tip waiters, Pullman porters, etc., in Washington. The anti-cigarette law passed several years ago, was repealed, as it had not been enforced.

VESSLS FROM HONOLULU TO BE QUARANTINED

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—To prevent the cholera now raging at Honolulu reaching the United States, quarantine officials here have served notice that all vessels from Hawaii must show a clean bill of health or they won't be allowed to land here.

JAPS KILLED BY CHINESE IN BATTLE

St. Petersburg, Russia, Feb. 28.—While trying to enforce anti-plague precautions several Japanese were killed by Chinese today in a pitched battle near Mukden.

FIVE MAIL CARRIERS ARE LOST IN ALASKA

Dawson, Feb. 28.—A dozen mounted men of the royal northwest mounted police left Dawson today for a search into the upper Arctic regions for five men who are 40 days overdue from Fort McPherson and Herschel island with mail. They left the week before Christmas and it is believed they are lost in the barren country.

NO DIRECT ELECTION YET

Senate Kills Resolution Submitting Question.

SIX VOTES LACKING AT CRUCIAL PERIOD

First Time Question Ever Voted on in the Senate—House Has Passed Number of Similar Resolutions—Move Started to Have States Demand Constitutional Convention.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—By vote of 54 for to 33 against the resolution submitting to the people a constitutional amendment in favor of the direct election of United Senators failed to secure the required two-thirds majority in the senate today and was killed. This is the first vote ever taken on the question of the submission of such an amendment although resolutions of similar nature have been passed the house at various times.

Among those voting against the direct election were Flint of California; Heyburn of Idaho, and Lorimer of Illinois.

Senators Aldrich, Crawford, Frazier and Terrell did not vote on the amendment submission. The submission of the amendment has been demanded by the legislatures of 33 states and as the constitution provides that when two-thirds of the states—31 of the 46—request a constitutional convention, congress must call one, and a movement was started throughout the United States today to voice this demand.

Among those who voted for the measure were Bourne, of Oregon; Chamberlain of Oregon; Borah of Idaho; Carter of Montana; Piles of Washington, and all the progressives.

EXCHANGE OF NAVAL INFORMATION ADMITTED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Admitting that by a reciprocal arrangement the United States and Argentine have "exchanged naval information," Secretary of State Knox and Secretary of the Navy Meyer today are preparing answers to La Follette's resolution of inquiry in which full information concerning the past is demanded by the senate. Meyer proposes to show that American navy officers are allowed to visit Argentine dreadnaughts under construction in the United States while the Argentine officers were allowed to visit American boats.

Meyer points out that such an arrangement is of advantage to the United States as the United States officers get a chance to see the most advanced ideas embodied in the latest dreadnaught styles.

NO BUBONIC PLAGUE FOUND IN SPOKANE

Spokane, Feb. 28.—Rumors that the bubonic plague had been discovered here were set at rest today by Dr. G. A. Lloyd of the U. S. marine corps, who investigated the cases of the W. P. Oliver family, three members having died recently of a disease declared to be acute la grippe and pneumonia.

ONE HUNDRED INDIANS ON RESERVATION ARE COMPETENT

The first report of the competency commission appointed by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Valentine was made public this morning by Major E. L. Swartzlander, the agent on the Umatilla reservation and a member of the commission. This report shows that 100 allottees were found to be able to care for their own business affairs and the commission recommended that these men be given their patents and allowed to do with their lands as they saw fit. The commissioner thereupon directed the agent to have all those who desired to obtain patent to their lands to make application to the department. So far but 30 of the 100 have made this application. The land owned by the 100 totals between 6000 and 7000 acres and the land held by the 30 making application for final patent amounts to about 2000 acres. As rapidly as patent is issued the land is placed upon the tax rolls and the county is enriched by that much. As long as the land is held in trust by the government it cannot be taxed. The developments thus far indicate that the really competent Indians are not going to ask for patent and will therefore escape the payment of taxes, while the ones who are anxious to dispose of their holdings to the whites, who are just as anxious to buy, are going to get their deeds from the government as rapidly as possible.

FILIBUSTER IN CONGRESS

Senate Holds Twenty-hour Session Without Avail.

LORIMER WILL NOT BE VINDICATED THIS SESSION

Opponents Will Talk Continuously Until Saturday Night If Necessary to Prevent Vote—Oregon Senator Takes Part in Big Talkfest—Crawford Leads the Attack.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The regulars, progressives and democrats in the senate this afternoon agreed to meet at 4:30 and consider a compromise to check the filibuster against the vote on the Lorimer case. The conference will consider the disposal of the Lorimer case and the tariff board. It is expected nothing will be said concerning reciprocity and that it will be allowed to shift for itself.

Washington, Feb. 28.—At 8:07 this morning, when the senate had been in continuous session for 20 hours, it too a recess until 11 o'clock after an appeal by Bailey.

Senator Crawford spoke practically all night and Bristow relieved him at 6:50 this morning, holding the floor a recess until 11 o'clock after an spoke two hours yesterday and eight hours last night.

Every indication today points to the probability that the filibuster will prevent a vote on the Lorimer case until adjournment Saturday. Crawford, Beveridge, Bristow, La Follette, Owen and Stone are leading the fight and expect to speak continuously in an effort to prevent a vote acquitting Lorimer.

Crawford started the filibuster when it became clear that Vice President Sherman was preparing to call the roll for the Lorimer vote. He, Bourne, Smith, Jones, Simmons, Davis, Bacon and Rayner were the first speakers.

The senate filibuster was resumed at noon when stone started a lengthy attack on Lorimer. The parliamentary situation was such that if the filibusters left the floor unoccupied for ten seconds Vice President Sherman could start the roll call on the Lorimer vote.

ONE MAN KILLED IN CHICAGO ELECTIONS

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 28.—Grave disorders marked the voting at the primaries today. One man was killed and a number injured. The election commissioners reported this afternoon that the democratic vote is heavier than the republican, and that former Mayor Harrison is showing up strong.

ROOT HAS AN ANTI-DEADLOCK BILL

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The senate committee on elections today favorably reported Root's anti-deadlock bill. It provides that if the legislature fails to elect a senator by March 1 preceding the six-year term, the candidate having the plurality shall be declared elected.

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